Westminster, Mr. Capon, the antiquary, and others, now no more.

In connection with his residence, Mr. Cottingham had a suite of apartments, partly underground, fitted up to receive a noble collection of architectural specimens and works of art, which is probably unique.

His remains are to be interred to day, Friday the 22nd, at the east end of the north aisle of Croydon Church, Surrey.

DISTRICT SURVEYORS' FEES.

A PRETTY SPECIMEN: AND IMPORTANT AWARD.

With regard to various building operations on the property of Mr. W. H. Whittell, of Sydenham, the district surveyor of Lewisham made the following demands:—

No. 1.—At two newly built first class second-rate buildings, Albert-road, Sydenham:—

	£.	s.
Fees of additions (front porches, &c.): at 1*l.* 10*s.* each	3	0
Fees of attached buildings (privies): at 1*l.* 10*s.* each	3	0
Fees of additions (rear front, verandahs): at 1*l.* 10*s.* each	3	0
Fees of party fence walls: at 15*s.* each	1	10*
Fees of new buildings of second class fourth-rate (stables, &c.): at 2*l.* 2*s.* each	4	4
Fees of raising on party fence wall	0	15*
Total	15	9

No. 2.—*To premises in Mr. W.'s own occupation, Forest Hill:—*

	£.	s.
Fee of alteration of second class, fourth-rate building (greenhouse)	0	10
Fee of alteration of first class, extra first-rate building (chimney-breast, &c.)	2	10
Fee of new building of second class, fourth-rate (hot-house)	2	2
Fee of alteration of second class fourth-rate building (greenhouse, flues, &c.)	0	10
Total	5	12

No. 3.—*To premises situate in Albert-road, Sydenham:—*

	£		
Fee for raising on party fence wall	£0	15*	
Fee for raising on party fence wall	0	10*	
Total	1	5	

These charges the owner refused to pay, on the ground that some were excessive, and others could not be legally claimed, and sent the matter to the official referees. At the hearing, the district surveyor having first objected that the referees had no jurisdiction in the matter, it was explained, that the item, "raising on party fence wall" (account No. 1), applied to a wall built partly before the Metropolitan Buildings Act came into operation, and that the two houses in question were commenced and built after that period, and that the porches, the subject of the first item, were not carried up at the same time as the houses, but that the houses were not finished for occupation before the porches and verandahs were put up; and the surveyor stated that the houses were commenced under notice to him in 1845, and completed 5th January, 1846, and that the "porches" and "verandahs" were not carried up and covered in until after the roof of the building had been covered in, although cantilevers had been thrown out in the first instance for the verandahs, and Mr. Whittell admitted that the stables, being the "new buildings of the second class," referred to in the said account, were built after the houses had been completed for occupation, and the surveyor stated that the "party fence walls" were in progress for six or seven months, and were made complete on the 19th January, 1847, and that he received notice of the raising of the "party fence wall," and that the party fence walls were raised for the convenience of the tenants. It was shown by a drawing put in, which had been prepared by the district surveyor, that the "porches" formed part of the original design, and it was admitted that toothings had been left in the walls for these porches; and it was contended on the part of the owner, that the privies are "attached buildings," and that the stables are "detached buildings," and that a fee of ten shillings only is payable for each of the privy and stable buildings; and with respect to the party fence walls, that by reason of the grounds thereby divided, belonging to the same owner, the district surveyor was not entitled to any fee in respect thereof.

Upon the second account (No. 2), the district surveyor explained, that the first item, having reference to the "greenhouse," was claimed under an award of the official referees, "Whittell and Badger, district surveyor" (May 27, 1846); that the second item, termed "alteration of first-class extra first-rate building (chimney breast,)" comprised the taking down and entire rebuilding of a chimney-breast eight feet high, in an internal cross wall, and that the work was begun without notice to the district surveyor; that the third item, termed "new building of second-class, fourth-rate," was a hot-house 30 feet by 20 feet, with a doorway, formed to communicate with the greenhouse above-mentioned; and that the fourth item had reference to the flue of this greenhouse, and that he had notice after the other works were completed, but Mr. Whittell proved that the doorway was made and the flue carried round the hot-house during its erection, and contended that the hot-house was not a new building, but that supposing it to be a new building, the fee payable thereon was not more than 10*s.*

The referees awarded as follows:—"With respect to the account (No. 1), that notwithstanding that the statute provides that the district surveyor may receive the fee payable to him for any new building upon the expiration of one month after the roof the building shall have been covered in, the district surveyor is not by the circumstance of his becoming entitled to receive, or by the receipt of the fee, discharged of the duty of causing the rules, regulations, and directions of the statute to be observed as to any matters incident to the original erection and completion of the building, which may not have been performed within such period of one month after the roof shall have been covered in, but it is his duty to continue to survey any building erected under his supervision as district surveyor, until the final completion of such building, without becoming entitled to any further or additional fee in respect of any matter or thing incident to the original erection and up to the final completion of the building; and inasmuch as the 'front porches,' &c., 'privies,' and 'rear-front verandahs,' in respect of which fees are claimed as 'additions' to buildings, or as 'attached buildings,' and 'the party-fence walls,' in respect of which fees are claimed, are matters and things incident to the original erection and essential to the completeness of the buildings of which they form parts, or to which they are attached, or with which they are connected, and such buildings had not been completed, although their progress may have been suspended,—we do hereby determine and award, that no fees had become payable to the district surveyor in respect of such works as the works named in the account and last recited, or any of them.

And with regard to the 'new buildings' of the fourth-rate of the second class, in respect of which a fee of two pounds and two shillings is claimed upon each of such buildings, we are of opinion that a fee is payable for each of the buildings in question, inasmuch as they were not built at the same time as the buildings to which they respectively belong, nor carried up and covered in within twenty-one days after such buildings respectively had been covered in within the meaning of the Metropolitan Buildings Act. And we do hereby determine and award, that the fee payable for each of such 'buildings' being detached buildings distinctly rated, and the rate being the third rate, is one pound and five shillings for each of such two buildings, being the fee imposed by Schedule L, of the Metropolitan Buildings Act, in respect of additions to or alterations of buildings of the rate to which the buildings in question belong.

And with regard to the fee claimed in respect of 'raising on party fence wall,' inasmuch as it does not appear that the wall in question was raised to a height exceeding 9 feet by virtue of any authority given by the official referees in that behalf, or otherwise so as to impose any duty in respect thereof upon the district surveyor,—we are of opinion that no fee is payable to the district surveyor in respect of the service set forth in the account and hereinbefore last recited.

And with regard to the account (No. 2), we do hereby determine and award, that the first item viz., the fee of ten shillings, being the fee made payable to the district surveyor under an award of the official referees, if it has not been paid and if the directions therein contained have been fulfilled, is still payable to the district surveyor. And with regard to the second item, viz., the fee of two pounds and ten shillings in respect of 'alterations of first-class extra first-rate building (chimney-breast, &c.),' that the work in question did not constitute an alteration, but was a repair, in respect of which no fee is provided; but inasmuch as we are of opinion that the supervision of such repair is a service required of the district surveyor by the Metropolitan Buildings Act, we do hereby order and appoint, subject to the consent of the Commissioners of Works and Buildings, a fee of ten shillings for such special service; and with regard to the third item, viz., the fee of two pounds and two shillings for a 'new building of second-class fourth-rate (hot-house)' we hereby determine and award, that the works in question did not constitute a new building but an addition to a detached building, of the third-rate; but inasmuch as no fee is expressly provided for such operation, and we are of opinion that the supervision thereof is a service required of the district surveyor by the Metropolitan Buildings Act, we do hereby order and appoint, subject to the consent of the Commissioners of Works and Buildings, a fee of fifteen shillings for such special service; and with regard to the last item, viz., a fee of ten shillings in respect of 'alterations of second class fourth-rate building (green-house flues, &c.),' we hereby determine and award, that the works in question are included in the last recited item, and therefore no further fee is payable thereon.

And with regard to the last account (No. 3), we do hereby determine that the foregoing part of this our award, with respect to fees for 'raising on party fence walls' is applicable thereto, and we do hereby award thereon accordingly."

The costs and expenses to be paid by the district surveyor.

The Commissioners of Works having signified their consent to the fees, the seal was affixed on the 7th inst.

The Bedfordshire Archæological and Architectural Society held their second meeting at the Bedford County Library, on Monday week, the Archdeacon of Bedford in the chair. Mr. E. W. Smith, an hon. secretary, read a number of letters from new members, and the archdeacon read one from Sir Harry Verney, Bart., M.P., suggesting that Buckingham should unite with Bedford. It was ultimately resolved, however, "That in the infant state of the society, it would be difficult to extend its proposed operations; and that, therefore, Sir Harry Verney's proposition be thankfully but respectfully declined." A 'general committee,' and an 'editorial committee,' were then appointed, and a sub-committee formed for drawing up a code of laws. It was further resolved that four quarterly meetings should be holden; viz., on second Tuesday in February, May, August, and November, at twelve o'clock; and that committee meetings be held on first Friday in every month, at twelve o'clock. Subscriptions in advance, on 1st of January in every year. Several rubbings of brasses, and drawings, were exhibited; and it was intimated, that at future meetings papers would be read. The members were invited to obtain objects of interest to form a collection for the society.

Breeze for Bricks.—The contracts recently entered into by the metropolitan parishes for the sale of their dust are singularly different from those of last year, when the competition was enormous. For pounds they will scarcely get shillings, and some of the parishes are even paying for its removal. The market for ashes is at a stand still, and instead of 14*s.* a chaldron, which the enormous consumption of bricks last year brought it to, 3*s.* 6*d.* is spoken of as a large price. The stock on hand is said to be sufficient to make more bricks than will be needed for years.

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